

**Amendments To The Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0014] in the Specification page 4, line 27 to page 5, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

**[0014]** 2. ~~All the nodes of the internal network can exchange information with the trusted node.~~ Since all internal nodes can communicate only with the trusted node, trusted nodes can be configured definitely in the firewall, such that the communication initiated by an internal node to any other external nodes (untrusted nodes) can be rejected by the firewall, thus increasing the security of the network, and more severe limits to the trusted node can be configured on the firewall; moreover, port convergence is realized between the trusted node and the internal nodes; all of these mentioned above allows to reduce the port number to be opened in the transport layer of the firewall, simplify the configuration, ensure the isolation between the internal network and the external network, and enhance the network security.